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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Economic Research  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: PRC Meeting 31 August 1977 Re Trade Between  
the U.S. and the Soviet Union

1. In yesterday's PRC meeting on trade between the United States and the Soviet Union, there were so many references to our study of the Soviet economy that I want to commend you again for the quality of that work. I would also appreciate it if you would point out to your analysts who did it what an important role it is playing in the decision-making process. Clearly, we are doing just what intelligence officers are expected to do here in providing analyses on which decision-makers can base their judgments.

2. At the same time, this places an added responsibility upon us. I am sure that you and your people will be monitoring Soviet economic performance so that we can update, amend, correct and improve our product as appropriate.

3. Thanks.



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cc: DDI

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

We talked the other day about [redacted] memo on reasons for Soviet reaction. Would it be possible and desirable to develop a very short paper on the principal reactions we have seen from the Soviets since January 20th and our analysis of why they reacted in the way they did? Perhaps we couldn't quite predict why but at least could lay out one or two hypotheses which the President could then tie into evidence he has, and which we do not, in making his selection as to what the Soviet motive was most likely to have been.

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